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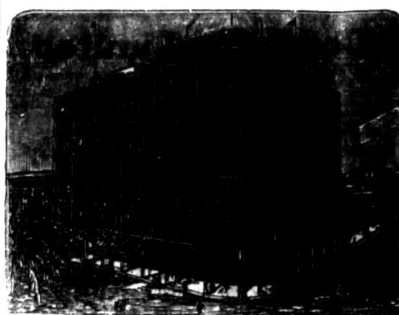
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CHRISTMAS-TIDE.

"Christmas comes but once a year,
And when it comes it brings good cheer."
So runs the old couplet—and as far as the
first line is concerned it is almost universally
correct. But it fails to take into account such
an exceptional state of things as that to be
found in this country. Here we have a large
Greek element, and while the Anglican Pro-
testant Church and the Latin Churches generally
celebrate the birth of Christ on December
25th, the Greek and Eastern Churches defer
their celebration till the 7th of January—the
period of the Epiphany. Consequently we get
in Egypt two Christmas Days in the year each
observed by a large number of commercial
men; indeed, so large is the Greek community
here that practically business is suspended in
most houses on the later as well as the earlier
date. What a boon would this be considered
in the busy City of London—at least by the
employés, for such a state of things would hard-
ly commend itself to the heads of firms, so
greatly would it interfere with business of
all kinds in that world's centre.
It is interesting to study the early records
of the observance of Christmas Day. In a pre-
vious Christmas article we showed that its

origin was distinctly pagan and quite uncon-
nected with the birth of Jesus Christ. Indeed,
many early writers holds that it was a special
providence that appointed the birth of Christ
to take place in the midst of pagan festivals.
Menander gives a long account of these, and
considers that a festival held on the shortest
day—the winter solstice—presented the oppor-
tunity of a transition to the Christian point
of view; Christ, the sun of the spiritual world,
being compared with the sun of the material
world. The comparison was carried still further,
for as in the material world it is after dark-
ness has reached its highest point that the
end of its dominion is already near, and the
light begins to acquire fresh power, so, too, in
the spiritual world, Christ, the spiritual sun,
must appear to make an end of the kingdom of
darkness. But the date to be observed presented
a difficulty, and while the Western Churches
decided on the 25th December, the Eastern
Churches deferred it till the Epiphany. Hence
the difference of dates at the present time.
Christmas is a time when absent friends
claim a goodly share of our thoughts. Coupled
with these, no doubt, in the minds of many
Englishmen resident in Egypt, is the regret
that they cannot be in the old country "to
put their legs under the parental mahogany,"
and enjoy the roast beef of Old England, or
the plump Norfolk turkey. These are things
that are perhaps not obtainable in this country.
But we would say to our young friends,
"Cheer up! Cold storage has been introduced,
and if you cannot feast on a good sirloin of Scotch
beef, you may get that excellent substitute,
a joint of the rich meat that comes from all parts,
North, Central, and South, of the American
continent and which loses so little of its flavour
in the freezing process, that it is often enjoy-
ed as much as, and even preferred before,
— when the source from which it comes is not
known—the home-fed beef. And the children—
(bless them!), what of them at Christmas time!
A glance at the shop windows fully assures us
that they are not forgotten. It is worth while
to pay a visit to the bazaars and large drapery
establishments if only to note the plethora of
dolls, mechanical toys, and novelties of all
descriptions that are offered to the purchasers
of presents for the little ones. The Christmas
tree, too, is quite an institution in Egypt. So
we wish to "one and all, both great and small,"
a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New
Year. Now-a-days it is the custom to alter the
wish to that for a Happy Christmas, and tak-
ing into consideration the very many cases
where the season from various causes cannot
be a merry one, the old wish often seems a
mockery. We can wish everybody happiness
from the bottom of our hearts.
The "good cheer" of Christmas is too well
established a thing for the old customs ever
to be broken. The fashions may change and
the Yule Log disappear, but never will Christ-
mas-tide cease to be associated with family
reunions and general feasting. Of late years
a growing tendency has manifested itself to
make the festival a time for a more general
loosening of the purse-strings than formerly.
That Christmas-time is the only period of the
year that many open their hearts and their
purses for the benefit of the poor is a sad
reflection, and reminds us of so many people
who only put on religion with their Sunday
clothes and feel when they take them off that
there is no necessity to think about spiritual
matters for another six days. None the less
do we rejoice to see the movement extend
year after year, and if the progress is slow we
trust that it will be sure. In the large cities
of Cairo and Alexandria we have many des-
tute wanderers who will be glad to receive
some of the good things of the season, and
no doubt the Rudolph and other Homes will
give an increase of support that will enable
them to give the poor who apply to them a
good Christmas meal.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Happy Christmas to all our Readers.
Dynamite Explosion.
 Yesterday a native was killed by an explosion of dynamite at Mex.

The National University.
 The total amount of the subscriptions to the National University is now L.E. 18,136.

The Charlotte.
 This German training ship is leaving Alexandria on Thursday next for Beyrout. There are five young Turkish cadets on board.

Chazireh Palace.
 The small dances at Ghezireh Palace Hotel will be resumed on Thursday next and will be continued every Thursday during the season.

A Bedouin Raid.
 The Egyptian Government has drawn the attention of the Governor General of Barbary to the raid by Benghazi Bedouins in the village of Salom, where they seized 150 camels.

St. Andrew's Church, Cairo.
 There will be a special musical service in this church at 10.30 a.m. on Christmas Day and again at the same hour on New Year's Day. On Sunday, the 30th inst., there will be Communion services at 10.30 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Cairo Kuttabs.
 The Ministry of Public Instruction has asked the Wakfs Administration to add L.E. 1,500 to the amount formerly appointed for improving the Cairo Kuttabs. The total will accordingly amount next year to L.E. 18,000.

Racing in Sharkieh.
 A number of notables in the Sharkieh province have decided to start a racing club in that moudirieh. A committee has been formed and the subscriptions already amount to L.E. 400. The headquarters of the club will be at Belbeis.

Alhambra Theatre.
 The company of little artistes performing Italian opera at the Alhambra continue to meet with well deserved success. To-morrow (Xmas Day) both afternoon and evening performances will be given, the operas being, respectively, "Pipelo" and "La Sonnambola."

The Plague.
 During the week ending the 23rd inst. there were 24 cases of plague reported for all Egypt, 4 in Alexandria, 17 in the Nag Hamadi district, and 3 in the Tala district. The total of cases from January 1 to the 23rd inst. was 625, against 266 in the corresponding period 1905 and 841 for 1904. There were 18 deaths and 3 recoveries last week and 11 patients remain under treatment. There are no fresh cases to-day.

A Much-Married Man.
 A curious story comes from Samalout of a very much-married man. Recently his children asked the Maglis el Haaby at that town to nominate a guardian to look after their father, who, they declared, was wasting his substance in selling fifty-one foddans of excellent agricultural land belonging to him and marrying a fresh wife for every foddan he disposed of. He thus managed to sequestrate fifty-one wives. The Maglis el Haaby sanctioned the application of the children and ordered a guardian to be appointed, but their uxorious father has appealed.

Thought Transmission.
 The séance given on Sunday night at the Khedivial Hotel by M. Door Labiano and his medium before a small but very select audience was a most interesting demonstration of conjuring tricks and thought-reading. The performance was divided into three parts. The first consisted in a series of clever conjuring feats, followed by an exposition of the tricks employed to do them. The second part was devoted to thought-reading, and here the medium, blindfolded and in a trance without any direct contact with the hypnotizer, carried out many clever and complicated acts at the request of some of the spectators. In the third part the medium, whilst in the trance, transported herself anywhere and gave vivid and exciting descriptions of what distant relatives or friends were doing at that moment in Russia, America, the Sudan, etc. The evening broke up with some clever thought-reading by the "magic hand" table, which by repeated taps on the glass on which it was laid answered all sorts of questions. At the end of the performance it was announced that persons wishing to consult privately the medium with regard to distant relatives or on other points could do so in the morning at the Khedivial Hotel.

DEATHS.
 COLE.—At Cairo, on the 15th December, Elsie Cole, aged 16 years.
 WATSON.—At 5.30 a.m. on December 23, Mr. Frederick Watson, late chief cashier of the Suez Canal Company.

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WALKER AND MEIMARACHI.

LOCAL AND LONDON BOARDS.

An important meeting of the shareholders of Walker and Meimarachi Limited was held on Saturday afternoon at the Grand Continental Hotel, Cairo, and 80,000 shares were represented. The chair was taken by Maître Carton de Wiart, chairman of the local board, and the other members of that board present were George Nangovich Bey, Mr. Constantine Meimarachi and Mr. Landauer.

Maître Carton de Wiart said that it was a not a general meeting, that it was an act, not provided for in the statutes, but that it was nevertheless a necessary act, although, he added, "there are no pessimistic considerations to preoccupy us, as the company's affairs are most satisfactory. According to the statutes the company is English, under British law, and managed in London. Therefore all meetings must be held in London. The chairman went on to say that the company last year was in need of funds. The emission was almost entirely covered in Egypt by the members of the board and their friends. Since then the administration had set to work; they had done their best, for already there was £35,000 worth of business more than at the same period last year; besides they had acquired a valuable property; they bought a plot for £75,000, of which only half was utilized for building the shops on, the other half having been sold for £56,000, thus reducing the price of the remaining plot to £18,000. "How is it, however, that the shares are below par?" he said. The reason is that the two boards, the one in London and the one in Cairo, differed in opinion in regard to this enterprise. It was not sufficient to wish that the board were transferred to Cairo, but it would be necessary to change the statutes. The shareholders have a right to effect this change; they can ask at the general meeting to have the board transferred to Cairo. But for the present this is but a vain wish.

"As far I am concerned," continued Maître Carton de Wiart, "I shall most decidedly not submit to a board in London." An ordinary general meeting will be held in London in order to examine the accounts, and an extraordinary general meeting to decide whether the above-stated modification will be made or not: it would be necessary that all shareholders be represented at this meeting. The chairman, in concluding, made very reassuring statements in regard to the company's business. M. Paul Ozil declared that the board should certainly be in Cairo, and blamed the board in London for having delayed six months before commencing the works; he asked whether it would not be possible to prosecute the English board for their mismanagement of affairs. M. Conika expressed the same views on the subject.

Maître Carton de Wiart pointed out that of 293,000 shares only 80,000 were represented. It was evident that the greater part of the capital was in England, but there were more than 80,000 shares in Egypt. Energetic measures must be taken and a delegate sent to London. The meeting unanimously expressed themselves desirous to see the board transferred to Cairo.

KHEDIVE'S RAILWAY.
 The Khedive's railway, it is expected, will be 230 kilometres in length by next June, when it will be forty kilometres from Marsa Matruh. The line now consists of 93 kilometres of normal and 70 kilometres of narrow gauge. The line has not been damaged extensively by the recent floods, as had been reported.

EGYPTIAN ARMY.
 On the retirement of El Lewa Ahmed Pasha Zeki, the Sirdar, in a farewell order, "desires to record his appreciation of the excellent services performed by this officer during a long and distinguished career in His Highness's Army. The Sirdar desires on behalf of the Army to offer El Lewa Ahmed Pasha Zeki every good wish for the future."

El Kaimakam Ibrahim Bey Sabri, Deputy Assistant Adjutant General, has been promoted to the rank of Miralai, and El Kaimakam E. C. Midwinter Bey, D.S.O., Sudan Government, to that of Temporary Miralai. El Bimbashi E. O. A. Newcombe has been granted the temporary rank of Kaimakam, whilst holding the appointment of Traffic Manager, Sudan Government Railways. Leave of absence has been granted to El Kaimakam Carter Bay, commanding 9th Sudanese, to Maroh 13.

Lieutenant G. B. Hobart, the York and Lancaster Regiment, has reported his arrival in Egypt from England, and been taken on the strength of the Egyptian Army, with the rank of Bimbashi. He has been posted to the 16th Battalion. An Army Order states that it is strictly forbidden to lend fire arms to natives for any purpose whatsoever. Should fire-arms belonging to anyone in or attached to the Army be found in possession of natives they will be confiscated. Another Order announces that the use of "Service Stamps" will be discontinued from the 1st February, 1907. Departments and units stationed in Egypt will furnish a statement direct to the Assistant Adjutant General, War Office, Cairo, by the 7th January next, showing the number of stamps, by value, required by them during the period from 1st February to 31st December, 1907. The rates of postage on letter, parcels, etc., will be the same as for the public. Stamps of the value of 1, 2, 3, 5, and 20 millimes, surcharged "O.H.S.," will be issued and are only to be used for Government correspondence, etc.

FATAL EXPLOSION.

TWO MEN KILLED AT SUEZ.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)
 Suez, Saturday.

Yesterday evening a very sad accident happened at the Attaka quarries at Suez. While a number of miners, after having set fire to a mine, were withdrawing, apparently owing to insufficient fuse, the charge suddenly exploded, killing two men on the spot and seriously wounding four. All were of Hellenic nationality. The corpses of the unfortunate victims, who leave large families, were conveyed to the Greek cemetery this morning, where they were buried after the usual formalities.

XTMAS FESTIVITIES.
 The members of the Cercle International du Canal de Suez at Port Tewfik will have a Christmas Tree at the club on Christmas day, in order to entertain the members' children, after which a children's ball will be given. At 9 p.m. a small dance will be held.

THE PILGRIMAGE.
 A considerable number of Egyptian pilgrims are now at Suez en route to Mecca. The town is very crowded, especially the Passport Offices, which are practically surrounded from day-break to midnight.

IMPORTANT LAND SALE.

An important sale of landed property at Ghezireh has just been concluded by Messrs. G. Bialobos & Co., stockbrokers of Cairo, who have purchased from the Egyptian Hotels Company (Baehler) on behalf of a powerful local syndicate a plot consisting of 10,000 square metres at L.E. 130,000, being at the rate of L.E. 13 the metre, which constitutes a record price for land in that suburb. The property is situated in close proximity to Ghezireh Palace Hotel and will face the new bridge that is to be erected across the Nile at Boulak. It consists of the old building known as the Harem, which has been used lately as an annex to the hotel. The syndicate intend demolishing this building and erecting on the plot a number of high-class residences and shops.

The high price obtained for this land partly accounts, we are informed, for the sudden rise that has taken place in the last few days in the shares of the Egyptian Hotels Company, which are expected to go still higher in the near future when the company dispose of the remainder of their land at Ghezireh.

SAILORS AND SOLDIERS' INSTITUTE.

The fancy sale at the above institute on the 19th inst. passed off most successfully and pleasantly. A day of sunshine, exquisite music, the spacious hall, and the delicious tea provided in the refreshment room, all combined to make the afternoon most enjoyable.

At an early hour the children's stall was besieged by the happy possessors of yellow tickets, and a great deal of business was done in a very short time. This stall was most ably presided over by Mrs. Morrison and the Misses Davis, assisted by Miss Claxton, Rev. Graham (H.M.S. Venus), and Mr. E. Henley (E.T.C.), and had been organised and arranged by the ladies beforehand, so that, notwithstanding the rush of little people, there was no confusion or disorder. A bookstall, held by the Misses Atkin, was very profitable. The articles on this stall, though dainty and useful, were inexpensive, and there must have been many purchasers to enable these ladies to hand in the sum of over £8 (including sale of tickets).

Mrs. Kingham's flower stall was most artistically arranged, and transformed that portion of the hall into a garden of beauty. The exquisite "buttonholes" (provided at Mrs. Kingham's expense) sold off rapidly. This lady and her daughter are much to be congratulated upon the great success achieved by their combined efforts, over £13 being taken during the afternoon.

A large stall, presided over by Mrs. Rees, Mrs. Gordon, and Miss Lang-Anderson, with splendid assistance from other ladies, was most profitable. The articles were quickly cleared off, and the sum of £27.11.0 (including sale of tickets) was realised. At this stall Master Basil Rees proved himself to be a most successful salesman.

Great praise is due to Miss Christabel Carver and the ladies who so efficiently presided over the refreshments. Nothing could exceed the kind attention shown by these ladies to all, and that the duties were arduous is evident, for within the space of one and a-half hours, two hundred people were served with an excellent tea. Mrs. Sidney Carver kindly undertook the expenses (hiring crockery, etc.) connected with this stall, and contributed, amongst other things, the delicious home made bread and butter.

The following are those to whom thanks are due for contributions to the refreshment and flower stalls, and for valued help in selling tickets, dressing dolls, and making fancy articles: Judge Sanders, Mrs. J. A. Williams, Mr. Chataway, Mrs. Pieton, Mr. Kindenico, Mme. Debbans, Mme. B. Zervadachi, Mrs. Crauf, Mrs. Rodocanachi, Mrs. Kingham, Mrs. Morrison, Mrs. Boroghrevinack, Mrs. Mos, Mrs. Peake, Misses Davis (valuable articles for stalls), Mrs. Sidney Carver, Mrs. P. Carver, Mrs. Percival, Mrs. John Atkin, Mrs. Hopkinson, Mrs. Chataway, Miss Atkin, Mrs. Bowen, Miss Swan, and Mrs. Savidge. The total amount realized during the day was P.T. 5,253½.

NOTICE TO OUR READERS.

The "Egyptian Gazette" will not be published to-morrow (Christmas Day).

UP RIVER.

THE SEASON AT LUXOR.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)
 Luxor, December 19.

Visitors to Egypt are at length realizing that the trip up-river is far bet or undertaken as soon as the cold weather first makes its appearance in Cairo. Not only do they thus get back to the genial warmth and sunshine, but they also are then able to return to the Capital when the high season is in full swing, if indeed the attractions of society are greater than those of antiquarian research surrounded by ideal conditions.

Already a great many visitors are in the neighbourhood; some engaged in business which is everywhere increasing, but mostly bent on pleasure and spending a picnic existence among the endless objects of interest both in Luxor and close round. Dahabeahs, both large and small, are constantly arriving and leaving; for doubtless where time is unlimited this way of seeing the country has many advantages, and the restful life aboard is much to be desired. Coles Pasha, Mrs. Coles, and their two daughters have been ashore several times these last few days, and Birch Pasha's steam launch has been at anchor to-day while he and his bride have been exploring somewhat. Sir W. Ewart and his family are staying at the Luxor Hotel for the time being, and Col. and Mrs. Armstrong, Mr. and Mrs. Tite, the Rev. Sams and the Rev. Mr. Petherston are also staying at the same popular hotel, where the garden is one of its chief attractions, with its tennis and croquet courts, its shady palms and trees, and its wealth of roses, mimosa, and other sweetly-smelling flowers.

The Countess Hedda de Brookdorff was also a visitor at the Luxor for a few days. She has now left by the Mayflower for Assouan, where she will spend most of the winter on account of her health. She passes nearly every winter abroad and knows a good part of India and the East, but this is her first stay in Egypt.

M. Naville is expected to arrive before long. His presence is anxiously awaited for at Deir el Bahari as further discoveries at that famous site are *sur le tapis*, and nothing can be done without him. Many artists are camping in that neighbourhood, the weather being fine enough to allow them to sleep in the open every night if fancy takes them that way.

There are many advantages accruing from the position occupied by the Savoy Hotel, which lies at the further end of the village to that occupied by the Luxor Hotel and right on the river bank. It is an imposing and comfortable-looking building approached by an avenue of palms and mimosa; and owns a wide and shady verandah well furnished with easy chairs, and the largest hall lounge at present in Luxor. Teas are often served, too, in the two kiosks at the river gate from whence steps lead to the sailing boats which ply up and down and across the river. This hotel has many old-established patrons, and many of the artists at Deir el Bahari and other places in the neighbourhood make it their headquarters. Among these may be mentioned Mr. Henry Simpson, Mr. Walter Tyndal, Miss McCracken, Miss Haddon, and Miss Parmiter. The Rev. Dr. Colin Campbell and Mrs. Campbell are spending the entire season at the Savoy. Dr. Colin Campbell is one of the best-known of our present-day Egyptologists, and his reputation must oftentimes be irksome to him: for people seek his authority at every turn, and will not allow him to pursue his investigations in private.

The Baron von Gruenan, from the Imperial German Consulate General, Cairo, is also staying at the Savoy Hotel.

NILE TOURISTS.

Per P.S. Prince Abbas, which left Shellal yesterday:—

Mr. and Mrs. Miss Lathrop, Mr. and Mrs. Lauth Scheurer, Mr. and Mrs. Raphael, M. Thomas Fairhurst, Mr. Stanislas Haufleben, Count and Countess Vitshum, Mrs. and Miss Van Blarion, Mr. and Mrs. Varigard, Mrs. Hartmann, Mrs. Wisberger, Mr. W. Taylor, Mr. Curtis Tilton, Mr. and Mrs. Barnes.

Per P.S. Nefert-Ari, which left Cairo on Friday last:—

Sir Barrington and Lady Simson, Miss Ward, Mr. and Mrs. Casey, Mr. Mrs. and Miss B. Devenish Madies, Mr. A. Smitmans.

ST MARK'S CHURCH. CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES.

7.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
 8 a.m. Holy Communion.
 10.15 a.m. For Children of Sunday School.
 11 a.m. Matins and Address. To Deum, Vine Hall in D. Anthem, "Behold, I bring" (Vine Hall).
 Noon. Holy Communion. Service, Sir F. A. Ouseley in C. Offertory Sentences, I. and II. Vine Hall.
 Collections for the Fund for Poor.

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The Ellerman liner Alexandria arrived at Liverpool last Saturday morning.

The Ellerman liner Egyptian sailed from Malta last Saturday evening for Alexandria, calling at Tripoli.

Xmas' & New Year Presents.

ARTISTIC GIFTS ON VIEW AT REISER AND BINDER'S PHOTOGRAPHIC GALLERIES IN ALEXANDRIA AND CAIRO.

MILLE BRANDES IN CAIRO.

"RAFALE."

(FROM OUR THEATRICAL CORRESPONDENT.)

The farewell piece was Bernstein's "Rafale," which is the drama of a gambler, Chaserooy, the lover of Hélène de Bréchebel, and representative of a racing stable financed by men whose names do not appear, loses at baccarat some £26,000 which he should hand over to these people as the results of a sale of race-horses. All efforts to raise the sum in time fail, and he ends the problem by suicide. Of course the incidental issues, Hélène's love and persistence which forces his confession, her struggle with her rich father seeking advancement among the nobility, but yet only too business-like—for he forces her confession in her turn—his interview with the contemptuous, younger son,—all these are and make the play,—a very great play too. And it is the drama of those two. Both Mlle Brandès and M. Rousselle were at their height; her frantic efforts with any and every one who might save her lover, the great scene with her father,—these showed how Marthe Brandès's own moves and hold us. And he also held us—his confession wherein he makes light of all at the end, taking pleasure even in losing, his scene with her father, cynical, unapproachable, incomprehensible to the poor, shrewd parvenu—and, greatest of all that M. Rousselle has done in these six nights, his silence, resolved, lingering rather than hesitating over his farewell to all things—all little tiny familiar details of the room that witnessed love, elation, loss, and at last decision as of one content with himself—these scenes were beyond praise. For both of them, we could not ask for words, we could but wait and watch their eyes, their lips about to open perhaps, then close: no word might be spoken, but the silence said all. The scene lived in itself before us, in its own light, created by those two.

The rest were surprisingly good. M. Gournac and Mme. Laure, the two Labourgs, were faultless. M. Alernae was, as ever, dry, cynical, almost malicious, entirely so when Hélène knew and repulsed that only evil condition on which he might and would help her, rancorous in his so-called socialism—but ever quiet, driving every point home by the least mark in tone or glance. Those others who had far less to do, did well, well enough to be noticed, though these five "principals" overshadowed all else. The play from first to last was shown in its full perfection. And so we have seen the last—for the time being—of Mlle Brandès and M. Rousselle. I do not hesitate to mention the two together. Though he has not, as I said before, the personality which remains through every part he plays, though he is the per-sonage each time, and not one in many young and phases, yet his achievements are, I think, no less than hers or those of anyone in relation to the dramas he interprets.

We have had six wonderful nights, and seen six wonderful plays: and, I hear, we may, during next year, hope for more good things. Ferandy comes in April. Guity and Antoine may come. Look to it, playgoers of Cairo, that these and the great plays they will interpret meet the welcome they merit. I am only too glad to say, that though the house was not always filled, the audience showed keener and keener appreciation, night by night; last night every one seemed to hang on every word and every glance of the actors: all the noises, so often a curse to listeners, were sternly and sharply repressed, and the few offenders, less sinning than sinned against by draughts, chairs to be moved and other worries, responded by subsiding at once, and rivalling their judges in keen attention. May it always be so! And why not, when the life itself, perhaps of those we know, it may even come to pass, of ourselves, is shown so vivid and keen before our eyes, by those who can reveal and heighten its last least phases and details?

OPERA AT ALEXANDRIA.

THE SEASON OPENS.

The opera season opened on Saturday night with "La Bohème," the well known and ever-popular work of Puccini. The theatre was packed and presented a most brilliant appearance. The interpretation on the whole may be termed good. "Rodolfo" the tenor (Signor Acerbi) is endowed with a fine and very pleasing voice particularly suited to the music he had to sing. His singing called for two "encores." "Mimi" (Signor Belendi Livio) is not a new comer on the Ziziya stage; her magnificent interpretation of Carmen some years back is still fresh in the memory of the Ziziya "abonnés." Her rendering of the rôle of "Mimi" was met with much applause. She combines good singing with excellent acting. She was particularly good in the death scene of the last act. Signora Frizi did well in the ungrateful rôle of "Musetta." The baryton (Dalbone) and the base Baldassari were also good, the latter was anchored in his solo. The orchestra under the able direction of the Maestro Zuccani, now quite an old friend,—as it is the third year that he has directed the orchestra—could not have been better. It is premature to judge the merits of the troupe on a first performance, or venture on an opinion as to the kind of season we are likely to have. Any such criticism must be left for a later date.

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PERSONAL AND SOCIAL.

The Duchess of Marlborough, who is at present at Sunderland House, Mayfair, is expected to arrive in Egypt early in the New Year. The Duchess is a strikingly beautiful woman, with dark hair, sympathetic eyes, a peculiar wistful expression, and an exquisitely modelled neck. When the Duchess made her debut as Miss Consuelo Vanderbilt she was admired by all, and her rare type of beauty, graceful, girlish figure and wonderfully soft clear skin must have aroused great envy in the hearts of her fellow debutantes. Nor is she less beautiful to-day.

The Duchess is the only daughter of an American multi-millionaire, Mr. William Kissam Vanderbilt, and, following the American system, she was carefully trained and educated as a girl, receiving a most liberal education chiefly in Paris. During her school years she also travelled a great deal, and there is probably no part of Europe with which she is not well acquainted, while no better means could be found of broadening the mind and sympathies. She is a god daughter of Consuelo Duchess of Manchester, from whom she takes her Christian name, and it was at her godmother's house that she first met the Duke of Marlborough.

Count Arschot, Councillor of the Belgian Legation at Constantinople, whose engagement to Mlle. Boghos Nubar Pasha we lately announced, has arrived at Constantinople, where he will stay for some days, afterwards proceeding to Cannes for the marriage, which will take place shortly.

To-day Judge Charles Boyle celebrates his sixty-sixth birthday anniversary and we take this opportunity of tendering him our best wishes for many happy returns of the day. The Judge, who is the fourth son of the late William Boyle, a London solicitor, was born at Lynton, Hants, and from 1854 to 1863 he served as an officer in the Royal Navy. In 1865 he was called to the Bar at Lincoln's Inn and he is Judge of the Egyptian Court of Appeal. His literary abilities are well-known to Anglo-Egyptians, and he is the author of "The Egyptian Campaigns."

The King has been pleased to give and grant unto Kenneth Mackenzie Scott, Esq., M.B., M.Ch., his Majesty's Royal licence and authority that he may accept and wear the insignia of the Fourth Class of the Imperial Ottoman Order of the Osmanieh, conferred upon him by his Highness the Khedive of Egypt, authorised by his Imperial Majesty the Sultan of Turkey, in recognition of his services.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. William J. Torkey, Professor of Gymnastics at Victoria College, Alexandria, who died at the Greek Hospital late on Saturday night after a short illness. He was only twenty-four years of age and his untimely death has created much sorrow among his many friends at the college, where he was very popular.

Among those staying at the Savoy Hotel, Luxor, are Mr. and Mrs. V. Balas, Lyon; Mr. and Mrs. Minshad Ross, England; Mr. and Mrs. I. Meynier, Paris; Baron von Gruenan, Mr. A. Acoumann, Berlin; Mr. W. Hopker, Bonn; Miss K. McCracken, Scotland; Miss Nabel Parmenter, London; Mr. B. de Salinger Fénelon, Mr. Auguste Matieu, Mr. Georges Ferry, Paris; Mr. N. Tabet, Beyrouth; Mr. Henry Es, Budapest; Dr. and Mrs. H. Lauer, Cologne; Mr. Henry Simpson, Glasgow, Mr. and Mrs. E. Ruslow, Brighton; Mr. W. A. Schmidt, Munich; Mr. and Mrs. A. Stearns, New York; Mr. and Mrs. L. Lyons, Glasgow; Miss K. Mudge, Miss A. Barnes, Chicago; Dr. M. Fallners, Mr. H. Trinklein, Marienbad; Mr. Aichinger, Wurttemberg.

Among the latest arrivals at the Savoy Hotel, Port Said, we notice Lieut. Col. Macfarlane, Major Knight, Major MacLaren, Capt. Westropp, Capt. Gall, Col. Byre, Capt. Potts, Capt. Norwood, Mr. R. Williams, Miss Norwood, Mr. and Mrs. Davies, Miss Evans, Mr. and Mrs. Callender, Mr. Ch. Brian, Mr. T. W. Russell, Mr. J. T. Rowlett, Mr. Higgins, Mr. C. Addis, M. and Mme. Imbault, Baronne de Rippenhausen, M. Krug, Mr. Pennett, Mme. Hodeir, M. and Mme. Steinemann, M. Mondolfo, M. and Mme. Alioth, M. and Mme. Hauser, Miss Douglas.

Among the latest arrivals at the New Victoria Hotel, Ramleh, are: Baron de Kessel Bey, Mr. J. D. Nicolaidis, Mr. James Watson, Dr. Alfred Argiris, Mrs. A. Argiris, Mr. P. Nicolaidis, Mr. James Carrol Willocks, Mr. Raschniz, Mr. M. Abramovitch, Mrs. M. Abramovitch, Mr. Schmidt Woerner, Mrs. Schmidt Woerner, Miss B. Schweigert, etc.

5 A-SIDE FOOTBALL COMPETITION.

The hon. secretary of the Government Railway Institute Football Club writes:— It has been brought to our notice that the word "company" in the paragraph re the five-a-side competition in the "Egyptian Gazette" of Friday might be misunderstood by military teams. It should read:—"Military entries must be company, unit, and squadron teams. All applications must be accompanied by a certificate signed by the officer in charge of the company, unit, or squadron stating that each player has been in the company, unit, or squadron at least three months. Applications must be accompanied by an entrance fee of P.T. 25 and must reach us before January 10."

TELEGRAMS.

SITUATION IN MOROCCO.

AN ARMY IN RAGS.

CHEREEFIAN TROOPS OUTSIDE TANGIER.

PARIS, December 22. M. Fichon has announced to the Council of Ministers an improvement in the situation on the Algero Moroccan frontier.

TANGIER, December 23. Guebba's Army is now encamped outside the city. His men are mostly in rags. The local Governor borrowed the liveries of servants of European residents to give a respectable appearance to his few troops when he went out to meet Guebba.

There is a strong feeling amongst Europeans that Guebba's troops would be more likely to attack Europeans than El Raisuli's men.

The Governor of the city went out to meet Guebba's troops. El Raisuli's followers are holding aloof.

Telegrams from Spanish sources state the Moorish Pretender was victorious in the re-ent fighting against the Kabyles, and is seeking the support of the Rifis for an attack on the Imperial army.

PARIS, December 23. It is reported from Tangier that the War Minister Guebba has arrived there at the head of the Chereefian troops.

FRENCH SEPARATION LAW.

CONCILIATORY MODIFICATIONS.

PARIS, December 22. The Chamber, by 413 votes to 166, passed the new Government Bill modifying the separation law in a manner conciliatory to the Church, despite the opposition of the Radical Socialists, whose attitude has lately been causing apprehension of a Ministerial defeat.

THE SHAH SINKING.

TEHRAN, December 22. The Shah's health is very unsatisfactory. The Crown Prince has been appointed Regent.

TEHRAN, December 23. At 4 o'clock this afternoon the Shah was sinking rapidly.

GOVERNOR OF THE TRANSVAAL.

LORD SELBORNE'S APPOINTMENT.

LONDON, December 22. The "Gazette" announces that Lord Selborne has been appointed Governor of the Transvaal.

MR. BALFOUR AND THE EDUCATION DISPUTE.

LONDON, December 22. The action of Mr. Balfour with regard to the Education dispute is criticised in certain Conservative circles. He is charged with abandoning policy to mere tactics.

MR. BRYCE'S APPOINTMENT.

LONDON, December 22. President Roosevelt has intimated that the appointment of Mr. Bryce as Ambassador is entirely acceptable to the American Government.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT'S TOUR.

LONDON, December 23. It is officially stated that the Duke of Connaught will start on his tour on 10th January.

QUEEN VICTORIA'S ACCOUCHEMENT.

MADRID, December 22. The "Gazette" announces that the Queen's accouchement is expected in April.

UNIVERSAL SUFFRAGE IN AUSTRIA.

VIENNA, December 22. Both Houses have passed universal suffrage in order, as the Premier said, to secure peace in Austria.

SPRINGBOKS DEFEAT CORNWALL.

LONDON, December 22. Football. Rugby. The South Africans defeated Cornwall by 9 points to 3.

TELEGRAMS.

RUSSIAN OUTRAGE.

COUNT IGNATIEFF SHOT DEAD.

ST. PETERSBURG, December 22. Count Alexis Ignatieff, the former Governor General of Kiev, has been assassinated at Tver by an unknown person, who fired six revolver shots. The Count's assassin has been arrested.

TVER, December 22. Count Alexis Ignatieff was shot dead to day at the buffet of the Club of the Nobility. The murderer attempted suicide, but only managed to wound himself.

GERMAN ELECTIONS.

NEW REICHSTAG'S FIRST TASK.

BERLIN, December 22. The Government, through the medium of semi-official journals, has submitted its programme of elections. It trusts that the nation will render a second dissolution unnecessary, and says that no new Kulturkampf is contemplated.

The Conservative organ "Reichsbote" declares that the first task of the new Reichstag will be a vigorous naval programme.

DUMA ELECTIONS.

ST. PETERSBURG, December 22. The elections for the Duma have been fixed for the 19th February.

VIENNA POSTAL EMPLOYEES.

VIENNA, December 22. The postal employees have resumed work.

CORPORATION OF WESTERN EGYPT.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS.

The directors consider the results attained in the year ended September 30 as evidencing the high intrinsic and economic value of the rights possessed by the corporation. The operations reviewed have not been of an expeditionary nature. The definite ascertainment of the permanency and excellence of the water supply dispelled any doubts that may have existed respecting it, and clearly revealed the land as the constitutive factor in determining the prosperity of the enterprise.

Land development has consequently received primary consideration. The subsidiary works are important, and in the opinion of the directors are capable of contributing in no small degree to the corporation's earning capacity, but relatively to the land they are quite subsidiary. A preliminary number of bores have been put down, and land for experimental purposes, on which cotton and numerous other crops have been most successfully grown, has been cultivated around each of the finished wells.

Pending the completion of the railway, which at the close of the year under review was completely laid to kilometre 67, the number of drilling machines has been strictly limited owing to the excessive cost of camel transport. Mineral research has been actively prosecuted, and a large amount of analytical and exploratory work has been carried out, while actual development of proved beds of earthy minerals has been accomplished.

The directors record that the Egyptian Government have missed no opportunity of extending their assistance to the corporation in matters pertaining to the development of the oases, and they are confident that the attitude of the Government will continue to be of the most friendly character. Recent expression has been given to the determination of the Government to assist the corporation in its operations in every reasonable way. In order to complete the railway to Khirgh as early as possible in the coming year and to cope with the work of land reclamation on a large scale, arrangements are being made for the early issue of the balance of capital. Meantime, the final call of 5s. per share, making all shares fully paid, has been made, so as to enable vigorous construction to proceed uninterruptedly.

Pending completion of the railway, it has not been deemed advisable to deal with the oases produce on any extended scale, but purchases of the superior dates of the oases have been made for consignment in bulk both to Cairo and London, and these consignments it has been possible to send over the corporation's line so far as this has been completed. With the completion of the railway, extended and immediately profitable trade is anticipated in this and in many other articles of produce.

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DEAN BUTCHER'S RETIREMENT.

HIS OLD PARISHIONERS

The following communication has been received by Lord Cromer:— To His Excellency Lord Cromer, P.C., G.C.M.G., &c., &c. &c.

My Lord,—I read with extreme pleasure in the "Pall Mall Gazette" of the 7th inst., that your Lordship presided at a meeting of the English and American residents in Cairo, to consider the question of presenting a testimonial to the Very Rev. Dean Butcher. It has occurred to me that it would, perhaps, be interesting to your Lordship and those with whom you are sojourning, to know the opinion of the parishioners of Hammersmith on the departure of Mr. Butcher 42 years ago after having served as Curate of the Parish Church for five years. The enclosed statement will appear in the Paul's Parish Magazine for January next, and if your Lordship should consider it would be of interest at the present juncture you are at liberty to communicate any portion of it to the English press in Cairo.

As a lad of 12 years old I have a distinct recollection of the kindly feeling entertained by all classes for Mr. Butcher, and the universal regret at his departure; I also remember with gratitude his kindness to my sick mother who died the year after he left.

I trust your Lordship will pardon me for venturing to address you, but I could not resist giving you this information regarding one for whom I have always entertained the highest feelings of respect and affection.— I have, etc., S. MARTIN. Hammersmith, December 13th.

The following is the statement referred to:— DEAN BUTCHER.

In June, 1864, the Rev. Charles Henry Butcher, M.A., resigned the curacy of St. Paul's, Hammersmith, to take up his duties as Consular Chaplain at Shanghai. During the five years he had worked in Hammersmith he had endeared himself to the parishioners. Happily there are a few of the present congregation, of whom the writer is one, who remember his sterling worth as a minister and preacher, and who still regard him with affectionate remembrance.

It was confidently anticipated that Mr. Butcher would make his mark in the Church, and his services were so highly appreciated that in 1876 he was raised to the dignity of Dean of the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, Shanghai.

In 1883 he resigned the Deanery, and was appointed Chaplain of All Saints, Cairo. Mr. Butcher also held the office of E. C. Archdeacon in Egypt from 1890 to 1895. Advancing years have now compelled his retirement.

[Here follows a report of the recent meeting at the British Agency where it was announced that the testimonial would take the form of a purse of gold. The Parish Magazine's article then proceeds as follows.]

It may be of interest to recall a similar presentation as the one proposed which was made by the congregation of St. Paul's, Hammersmith, 42 years ago.

The testimonial consisted of an illuminated address, a silver salver, and a purse of £100. It was presented on the occasion of a school treat held in the grounds of an old house in Shepherd's Bush Road, known as "The Poplars," the site of which is now marked by Poplar Grove. The chair was taken by the Rev. J. Connell, Vicar, who was supported by Mr. W. Smith, Churchwarden (founder of Smith's Almshouses), Dr. Moxey, Mr. Wing, Mr. James Hunt, Mr. A. J. Roberts (late Vestry Clerk), Rev. W. L. Collatt, late Vicar of St. Stephen's, and other leading parishioners.

The Vicar read the following address. Hammersmith, St. Paul's Vestry, June, 1864. To the Rev. Charles Henry Butcher, M. A. Rev. and Very Dear Sir, In response to the very general desire of the Congregation of St. Paul's a Testimonial Subscription List was opened shortly after the announcement of your anticipated removal. It was felt instinctively that your earnest pastoral labours, diligent care, and unwearied anxiety for the spiritual welfare of our densely populated parish during five years' residence amongst us should not pass away without special recognition and record. These sentiments, strengthened in many by feelings of deep personal regard and affection have found their natural expression (at this juncture) in the eager anxiety of all classes without exception to participate in a parting evidence of goodwill and Christian sympathy. It has been judged best to leave our united freewill offering (to which the poorest have heartily contributed according to their ability) entirely at your disposal rather than convey it in a form (however gratifying) which might prove cumbersome to you in your far-off home and untried position. Be assured we express alike our own and the spontaneous universal feeling of all with whom you have been associated here when in taking leave we wish you and yours health and happiness, but above all that in your future sphere of duty you may experience personally and be made to others a rich source of abundant blessing approved unto God, a workman that needeth not be ashamed, rightly dividing "The Word of Truth."

We have pleasure in signing ourselves on behalf of subscribers and friends, Reverend and Dear Sir, Yours most sincerely, JAMES CONNELL, Vicar of Hammersmith. WILLIAM SMITH Churchwarden. EDWARD BIRD, JOHN C. SWAIL, JOSEPH CROOKES, CHARLES ANDREWS.

The salver bore the following inscription:—"Presented to the Rev. C. H. Butcher, M.A., with a Purse of Gold, by the Congregation of St. Paul's Hammersmith, and other Friends in appreciation of his earnest Christian Ministry, and as a token of their deep personal regard." June, 1864.

The Rev. Mr. Butcher, whose occasionally faltering voice betrayed the emotion he felt, replied in very grateful terms, concluding by expressing his pain at parting with his friends at Hammersmith of whom he should always think with the deepest regard.

The few remaining friends with whom he parted 42 years ago wish him many years of peaceful happiness after his long and arduous service for the Master, and should opportunity offer would extend him a hearty welcome to the scene of his first curacy, somewhat altered since he left it, and we are sure this feeling will be shared by every member of the congregation of the new St. Paul's Church. S. MARTIN.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.

THE PORT SAID AFFAIR.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "EGYPTIAN GAZETTE."

Sir,—I am sure that a number of your readers will agree with me that the police officer who had the misfortune of colliding with two passengers in the Rue de Commerce, Port Said, on Thursday last deserves great sympathy, and may we hope that the Government will not be backward in acknowledging the gallant services of their worthy officer and of the manner in which he performed his duty. The promptitude of the whole business is amazing and worthy of note. The steamer arrived at about 10 a.m. and within two short hours one of the two gentlemen had not only committed the offence but had been tried before His Majesty's British Consul for drunkenness and assault, and before 12 o'clock was in the native prison serving his term of seven days. One cannot help wondering how in so short a time, with a prisoner, as I understand under the influence of drink, the authorities were able to satisfy themselves that they were dealing with a British subject. Such satisfaction it seems they did have, inasmuch as the prisoner was dealt with by the British Consul General.

However, Mr. Editor, without occupying more space, may I suggest that it would be an opportune moment to open a subscription list for the purpose of presenting the constable with a memento of the event—and as it seems he came off with a damaged turban, I heartily think we could do better than let such a presentation, in the absence of a Victoria Cross, take the form of a new piece of headgear. If others of the British community will give their support I should be delighted to open the list with a donation of ten millions. Thanking you for the space,—Yours, etc., A. BATTISHER.

PIGION SHOOTING AT HELOUAN.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "EGYPTIAN GAZETTE."

Dear Sir,—I am an occasional visitor to Helouan, and last Sunday I was surprised to find that pigeon shooting was being carried on during the afternoon, very close to one of the principal hotels, so close, in fact, that one lady visitor informed me that a few days before, after a pigeon shooting match, five wounded birds had fluttered into her room through the open window. I will not express my views as to the cruelty of this so-called "sport" of pigeon shooting. Most English people, I believe, have decided opinions on the subject. I would merely suggest that if the hotels in Helouan wish to lose their British patronage, there is no easier way for them to bring this about than by allowing this form of sport to be carried on at little more than 100 yards distance from their visitors' bedrooms.—I am, etc., ANGLIO-EGYPTIAN.

THE HIDDEN TREASURE TRICK.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "EGYPTIAN GAZETTE."

Sir,—In reference to the letter published in your issue of the 18th inst., I also have received a letter worded in exactly the same terms, and needless to say I consigned it to the waste-paper basket.—Yours, C. AQUILINA.

Calendar of Coming Events

- ALEXANDRIA. December. Mon. 24 Khedivial Theatre. Xmas Tree. 6. Ziznia Theatre. Italian Opera Company in La Boheme. 9. Alhambra Theatre. Juvenile Opera Company in La Figlia del Rejimento. 9. Tour Eiffel Music Hall. Varieties. 9. Tues. 25 Alhambra Theatre. Juvenile Opera Company. 4 and 9. January. Tues. 15 Khedivial Club. "At Home."

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- December. Mon. 24 British Recreation Club. Xmas "Draw." Meeting Egyptian Institute. 5. Khedivial Opera House. French Opera. 9. Abbas Theatre. 9. Ezbekieh Gardens Theatre. 9. Shepherd's Hotel. Small Dance. 10. Tues. 25 Mena House. Xmas Tree and Small Dance. Fri. 28. Helouan Sporting Club. 1st Winter Meeting. 2. Zoological Gardens. Ghizeh Boys' Band. Afternoon. Sat. 29 Shepherd's Hotel. Military Band. 4-6. Mena House. Scotch Ladies' Orchestra. Afternoon. Savoy Hotel. Small Dance. 10. Sun. 30 Zoological Gardens. Ghizeh Boys' Band. Afternoon. Mon. 31 British Recreation Club. Ball. January. Fri. 4 K.S.C. Gymkhana. Mon. 7 K.S.C. Smash Rackets Tournament. Tues. 8 Accession Day Parade. K. S. C. England v. Scotland. Thur. 17 Semiramis Hotel. Inaugural Ball. Fri. 18 K.S.C. Skye Meeting. Wed. 23 K.S.C. 2nd Winter Race Meeting. Ghizeh. Badrane. 5-a-side. Football Tournament. Fri. 25 K.S.C. 2nd Winter Race Meeting. (2nd day). Mon. 28 Shepherd's Great Annual Ball. February. Tues. 12 Ghizeh Casino. Bal Poudre.

SPORT AND PLAY.

K. S. C.

POLO TOURNAMENT—LADIES NOMINATION.

REPLAYED FINAL.

As our readers will remember, this match, last week ended in a draw with the score at two goals each. On Saturday Mr. Tollemache was unfortunately, owing to an injured knee, unable to play, and Capt. Sterling took his place. We were glad to see a large gathering assembled to witness the match, and much excitement prevailed. Capt. Sterling played a very good game at No. 1 and was of invaluable service to his side. Capt. Dunbar was playing in his best form, and made one beautiful long shot at goal. Sir Walter Bartolot was slow in turning and looks dash. Major Patterson again distinguished himself, playing a very plucky up-hill game, combining strong defence with an occasional dash up into the game. Capt. Leigh played a second, and No. 3, showing a good knowledge of the game, but was handicapped by his No. 2, Mr. Hedow, whose play was very disappointing; he used to turn his pony before and not after his No. 4, makes his stroke, and to "take his man" and stick to him.

Our criticism of the game, generally, is that there was too much play round the ground, and that there were very few backhanders into the centre.

The teams were as follows:— RED. D. Capt. Dunbar... nom. by Miss Bullock Lieut. Bentinck... " " Mrs. Drummond. [nomd. Hay Lieut. Tollemache... " " Lady Blanche [Smith Lt. Sir Walter Bartolot... " Lady Bartolot WHITE. C. Major Patterson... nom. by Mrs. Marham Capt. Leigh... " " Mrs. C. Little [ton Capt. Hedow... " " Mrs. Doug Lieut. Aldam... " " Mrs. Bayley

First CHUKKER.—From the throw-in Capt. Dunbar got away, but missing his stroke left in the whites and Mr. Aldam turning well before his back got in his stroke, scored cleverly. After this Reds played up, and were unlucky not to score.

Second CHUKKER.—Reds continued to play a strong game and were attacking all the time. Capt. Dunbar with a long shot scored their first goal, and shortly afterwards another was added. Score: 2 to 1.

Third and Fourth CHUKKERS.—Both sides were playing up their hardest, but the Reds had the advantage throughout. Major Patterson barely saving his goal more than once. He, however, nearly equalised from a brilliant rush up the ground within one minute of the bell sounding.

Mrs. Bullock kindly gave away the prizes, and so ended a most evenly contested and enjoyable tournament.

FOOTBALL.

RAILWAY INSTITUTE

VERSUS ROYAL INNISKILLING FUSILIERS.

The above teams met on the former's ground on Friday last before a large gathering of spectators. The home team having lost the tone kicked off against a slight breeze, but with the sun at their backs. The forwards combining nicely ran down, Egan shooting wide in the first minute. From the goal kick the homesters again dashed down, only to be beaten back before anything serious happened. The game became very fast, both sets of defenders having duty to do. The first half was very even. The interval arrived without a goal having been scored by either side.

The second half opened with the soldiers attacking only to be driven back by Windsor and Bell who with Hayes at centre half were playing a fine game. The homesters again got the upper hand, and were soon attacking, and for fully twenty minutes bombarded the visitors' citadel, shooting everywhere except into the net.

From a run by the right wing Jones scored with a good shot just as the whistle sounded for offside; Lion repeating the performance a few minutes later also, to be adjudged offside. The home forwards were very persistent in their methods at this stage but their shooting was weak in the extreme, although Lloyd Jones once struck the foot of the upright with a splendid shot, the ball bouncing to the goalkeeper's hands, who had to concede a corner in order to clear; this was a very new thing and deserved a better result. From this to the close the soldiers had more of the play, and gave Davies the home custodian plenty to do. He, however, was splendidly supported by all sorts of shots. The visitors were a splendidly balanced team, the half-backs, especially, the left playing a sound game all through.

The home team was at full strength with the exception of Whal for Smith at outside left, Wilson coming in at left-half.

This was the best contested game seen on the Institute grounds this season, the teams being evenly matched, and a draw a fair result, neither side scoring, although both sides had some nice openings.

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On and from Thursday, January 10th, the train de luxe between Cairo and Luxor, and vice versa, will run daily instead of three times a week as heretofore.

CREDIT FONCIER EGYPTIEN.

APPEL de FONDS. Le Conseil d'Administration a l'honneur de rappeler à Messieurs les Actionnaires que le 2me versement de Frs. 62 1/2 sur les 125 frs. par titre, appelés sur les actions de la Société, doit être fait du 2 au 8 Janvier 1907.

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L'Administration a l'honneur d'informer le public qu'elle recevra jusqu'au 1er Février 1907, à midi, des offres pour la fourniture, dans le courant de 1907, de 220 Tonnes métriques de Graisse Jaune de la meilleure qualité, pour boîtes à essence de wagons, suivant les conditions dont on peut obtenir copie, contre paiement de 100 m/m (cent millièmes) au Service Central des Magasins de Boulak au Caire et au Bureau de Gabbary à Alexandria.

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ORDRE DU JOUR

Election du Directeur Général en remplacement de feu Jean G. Pasmazoglou.

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Athènes le 29/11 Décembre 1906. Le Président du Conseil d'Administration M. JORDANOPULO

Municipalite d'Alexandrie

AVIS

La Municipalité met en adjudication la fourniture de Regards en pierres.

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Les offres devront être adressées sous pli cacheté à Monsieur l'Administrateur de la Municipalité avant le 22 Janvier 1907.

Elles pourront également être déposées en séance de la Délégation le même jour à 5 h. p.m.

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AVIS

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SECOND-HAND BICYCLE to sell for £4.10. Good order. Apply, 10, Rue Averoff. 29160-4-2

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YOUNG MAN (British subject) knowing English, French, Italian and speaking very well Arabic, seeks situation out of Egypt. Good knowledge of business, possessing Bank's certificate and references. M.A.R., Poste Restante, Cairo. 29166-3-1

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DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

Table with columns: Direction of wind, Force of Atmosphere, State of Sea, Barometer corrected, Evaporation, State of Clouds, Max. Temp. in the shade, Min. do., Humidity of the air, Heat of the sun, Rainfall, Moon rise, Moon set.

OTHER STATIONS.

Table with columns: Stations, Max. temp. in the shade, Min. temp. in the shade, Stations, Max. temp. in the shade, Min. temp. in the shade.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

Table with columns: Stations, Barom., Wind, Temp., State of Sea.

PHASES OF THE MOON.

Table with columns: Dec. 1 Full Moon, 9 Last Quarter, 18 New Moon, 27 First Quarter, 30 Full Moon.

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ALEXANDRIA MUNICIPALITY.

The following is the programme of next Wednesday's meeting of the Municipal Commission: 1° Concession Joseph pour la jetée-promenade. 2° Budget de 1907. 3° Allocation d'une gratification à Mr. Arcondaris. 4° Demandes de crédits divers proposés par la Délégation et versements de crédits pour régularisation des comptes de fin d'année, suivant état séparé ci annexé. 5° Interpellation de Mr. Kamel Bey Teymour sur la question de la route de la corniche. 6° Interpellation et proposition de Mr. Salvago sur l'état des routes, leur entretien et l'encouragement des trottoirs. 7° Question relative à une amende due par un fournisseur. 8° Avis du Comité du Contentieux sur une question relative aux notifications à faire aux Consuls, en cas de saisie administrative. 9° Demandes diverses de locations de terrains des quais, présentées par le Cercle Khédivial, l'Anglo-Egyptien Hotel Co. Ltd., Mad. Silberberg, propriétaire du palais de Cristal. 10° Proposition relative aux exonérations de la taxe sur les voitures et bestiaux.

BULLETIN DE LA BOURSE

A l'occasion des fêtes de Noël et du Nouvel An, il y a cessation d'affaires aujourd'hui, demain et après demain, 24, 25 et 26 courant, ainsi que lundi, mardi et mercredi prochains 31 décembre 1906, 1er et 2 janvier 1907.

Nous apprenons que M. François Rom, banquier au Caire, vient d'être nommé administrateur de la Société Générale Egyptienne pour l'Agriculture et le Commerce, en remplacement de S. A. le prince Ibrahim Hilmy, démissionnaire.

La Société des Egyptian Hotels (Baeher) vient de vendre à un groupe de propriétaires de Caire un lot de son domaine de Ghezireh de 10,000 m.c. pour L.E. 130,000, ce qui met le m.c. à L.E. 13.

Ce lot, situé à l'entrée du nouveau Pont de Boulak, donne sur le Nil et sur la prochaine route du Tram qui conduira aux Pyramides; il est sans servitude, avec la faculté de construire des maisons de rapport, ainsi que des magasins.

Nous ne nous sommes nullement étonnés de la hausse produite ces jours-ci sur le titre de la dite Société et nous verrons encore des prix beaucoup plus élevés, étant donné la plus-value justifiée des terrains du dit domaine de Ghezireh Falak.

Cette vente a été conclue par MM. J. Bialbos & Co., agents de change au Caire.

Une assemblée officieuse des actionnaires égyptiens de la Société Walker & Meimarachi s'est tenue vendredi au Caire dans un salon du Grand Hotel Continental, sous la présidence de Me Carton de Wiart. MM. Nungovich Bey et Meimarachi y assistaient. Environ 80 000 actions étaient représentées.

Me Carton de Wiart a rappelé que la récente émission des Walker & Meimarachi a été presque entièrement convertie en Egypte par les membres du conseil et leurs amis. Depuis, les administrateurs ont fait de louables efforts qui ont été couronnés de succès, puis qu'il a été fait pour 35,000 livres d'affaires de plus que l'année passée à la même époque. En outre, la moitié d'un terrain qui avait coûté en tout 75,000 livres, a été revendue pour 55,000; la moitié restante, réservée pour la construction des magasins, revient ainsi à 18,000 livres seulement.

Si donc l'action a baissé, en dépit de ces brillants résultats, il faut en chercher le motif dans le désaccord qui règne entre la direction de Londres et celle du Caire; celle-ci étant la plus compétente, il est urgent de réviser les statuts et de transférer le conseil au Caire. C'est dans ce but que les actionnaires égyptiens doivent se grouper et se faire tous représenter aux assemblées générales ordinaires et extraordinaires qui vont se tenir prochainement à Londres.

M. Paul Ozol, prenant ensuite la parole, a vivement blâmé les administrateurs de Londres qui depuis six mois retardent le commencement des travaux; il a demandé aux administrateurs locaux d'examiner si on ne peut pas poursuivre les administrateurs anglais pour leur mauvaise gestion.

Il résulte en somme, de l'ensemble des déclarations faites à l'assemblée que la situation de la société est des plus rassurantes et qu'il ne lui faut que l'unité de direction pour faire progresser ses affaires et déterminer une reprise du titre. Espérons que ce résultat sera obtenu par le concours général des porteurs égyptiens à la prochaine assemblée de Londres.

AVIS

MM. H. de Vries et Boutigny, agents de change au Caire, publient une circulaire quotidienne qui expose brièvement et clairement tout ce qui concerne les valeurs et le coton. Ce bulletin est indispensable aux personnes qui désirent suivre commodément et de près le mouvement exact du marché.

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NOTES ET CRITIQUES

Le Caire, 22 Décembre 1906.

Le taux de l'escompte libre à Londres] reste à 6 1/2. Hier, au Stock Exchange, le Consolidé anglais est demeuré inchangé à 86. L'Unifié a haussé de 1/4 à 102 1/4, de même que la National Bank à 28 1/2. L'Agricole a perdu 1/8 à 9 5/8. La Daira est restée invariée à 17 1/2, ainsi que la Delta Light à 12 1/4. A Paris, le Crédit Foncier Egyptien a encore rétrogradé de 2 francs à 780. La Banque d'Athènes s'est maintenue à 140 francs.

La fermeté qui s'est manifestée hier sur notre marché des valeurs s'est encore accentuée ce matin par suite d'un bon courant d'achats. La séance a été animée et les cours de clôture accusent, en général, une plus-value sur les prix d'hier.

Dans le compartiment des Banques, la National s'est raffermie à 28 7/16. L'Agricole a progressé à 9 11/16. La Cassa di Sconto a avancé à 274 27/5. Le Comptoir Financier s'est inscrit à 7 11/16; sa part de fondateur, qui avait obtenu hier à £ 68, a haussé à 81, gagnant environ 20 livres en deux séances. La Banque d'Athènes a réactionné à 136-137.

Le Crédit Foncier est resté à 782-783. La Daira a faibli à 17 3/8. La Béhéra est remontée à 42.

L'action Entreprises Immobilières et Travaux, qui a obtenu hier à L.E. 14, a débuté aujourd'hui à 14 1/2, acheteurs, pour monter à 14 5/8, 14 15/16, 15 et clôture ferme à ce dernier prix. L'opinion s'accroît, en Bourse, qu'il existe un découvert et l'on s'attend de plus en plus à des surprises. La part de fondateur a été traitée à P. E. 100.

Les Allotments ont éché à 3 13/16-7/8 et leur part à 153. Les Zivris Naha ont obtenu à 4 1/2.

La part Bourse du Caire, dont nous avons parlé hier, a dégringolé de livres 150 à 130, vendeurs. La simple bon sens indique qu'il faut s'attendre à un véritable effondrement. Dans le groupe des valeurs hôtelières, les Nungovich ont avancé à 29, les Egyptian à 10 1/16-7/8 et les Upper à 5 3/8.

Parmi les petites valeurs, les Delta Land se sont consolidés à 4 11/16. La part de fondateur Batatas a gagné 1 livre environ à 19 1/4. Les Abyd ont été traités à 7 1/16. Les New Egyptian sont remontés à 33 sh 3, les Marko's à 81 sh, et les Ossia à 1 3/8-7/16. Les Hookers se sont alondrés à 1 1/16. Les United Lands ont été négociés à 1 3/16 et leur part à 6.

Il ressort d'une lettre circulaire en date du 20 Décembre courant, adressée par le Comité de l'honorable Corporation des Agents de change du Caire aux membres de cette Corporation que la compensation ordinaire d'hier 21 Décembre sera payable à partir de mercredi prochain 26 du courant, les Banques étant fermées le mardi 25.

Les règlements de fin courant seront effectués le lundi 31 Décembre. Les titres devront être acceptés dès leur présentation et réglés immédiatement soit par chèques s'gés, soit par numéraire avant 1 heure de l'après midi.

Cette lettre circulaire est signée: "Pour le Comité et par ordre, le Secrétaire D. LENOS." Dont acte.

Il nous est impossible de répondre sans retard, par lettres séparées, à toutes les demandes qui nous sont adressées relativement à l'objet de la prochaine Assemblée générale extraordinaire de la Société d'Entreprises Immobilières et de Travaux, convoquée au siège social au Caire pour le 2 Janvier 1907.

C'est pourquoi nous prenons le parti d'exposer ici "grosso modo," d'après certaines rumeurs, le projet qui sera soumis à cette Assemblée.

On croit savoir que les actionnaires désirent donner au conseil d'administration les pouvoirs les plus étendus pour amortir, s'il y a lieu, au fur et à mesure des disponibilités, un certain nombre d'actions de la Société.

Il va de soi que la question sera discutée par l'Assemblée, qui aura à se prononcer définitivement.

Or, si ces rumeurs sont exactes, un groupe important d'actionnaires insisterait sur la adoption de cette proposition, après avoir, bien entendu, fait assurer la mise à la réserve des sommes indiquées par les Statuts, après le paiement de l'intérêt statutaire de 7 % aux actions et la répartition du solde dans les conditions prévues par l'article 38 des Statuts.

A cet effet, il sera procédé, comme le fait déjà la Société des Eaux du Caire, au tirage au sort d'un certain nombre d'actions qui seront ensuite amorties (conformément aux décisions que prendrait l'Assemblée), c'est-à-dire remboursées au pair.

Les détenteurs des titres ainsi amortis, recevront en échange: 1° En espèces, les sommes versées par eux; 2° Il leur sera délivré gratuitement une part de jouissance qui aura donc la même valeur que les actions ordinaires, moins les L.E. 3 déjà versées pour chaque action, et qui aura droit exactement aux mêmes avantages que ces actions, sans déduction, bien entendu, des 7 % établis conformément à l'article 38 des Statuts. De sorte que, dans un certain délai, l'actif social se composerait:

1° de tant d'actions ordinaires; 2° de tant d'actions de jouissance; 3° des 87,500 parts de fondateur déjà existantes. On voit par cet exposé succinct que l'on aurait mauvaise grâce à persister à ne pas comprendre la portée du projet dont il s'agit. En dehors de ce projet il y en aurait d'autres sur lesquels nous sommes, pour l'instant, tenus à la discrétion la plus absolue.

PASSENGER LISTS.

ARRIVALS. Per S.S. Menes, arrived from Liverpool on the 21st inst.: Miss Fuller, Mrs. Richard, Mrs. Paton and Miss Paton, Mr. F. Molanero, Mr. Meldrum, Mr. Webster, Mr. F. Wallington, Mr. C. Wallington, Mr. Wright, Miss Wright, Mrs. Norman, Mr. G. H. Norman, Mr. Oberhoff, Mr. F. Cowley, Mr. Masters, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Barry, Mr. Gorat, Mrs. Stansfield and two children, Mrs. Giorano, Mr. Andritts, Sheikh Abdul Aziz, Ahmed Abdul Aziz, and 11 deck passengers.

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

ALEXANDRIA HARBOUR.

ARRIVALS December 21. Billio, Greek s. Capt. Vatis, Marseille, Messageries Maritimes. Bleuheim, Brit. s. Capt. Hall, New Port, Grace & Co. Magda, Greek s. Capt. Papalas, Constantinople and Rhodes, Homay. Bear, Brit. s. Capt. Harris, Larouca and Port Said, Asia Minor. Reine Olga, Rus. s. Capt. Emeretly, Olessa and Piræus, Cie Russe.

December 22. Ismailia, Brit. s. Capt. Anderlioh, Constantinople and Piræus, Khedivial Mail. Hermod, Norv. s. Capt. Gabriely, Hødik-wall, Barber & Son. Oceanus, Germ. s. Capt. Meyer, Genoa and Naples, Grace & Co. Carib Prince, Brit. s. Capt. Cline, Manchester and Malta, Grace & Co. Sambre, Belg. s. Capt. Pietta, Antwerp, Kalfsaian.

December 23. Carnavon, Brit. warship, Capt. Robioh, Malta. Dundee, Tunis. s. Capt. Diaohki, Merisus, Tarabelsi. Hartburn, Brit. s. Capt. Ross, Swansea, Barber & Son. Byzantion, Greek s. Capt. Mavromatis, Smyrna and Crete, Kochayias.

December 24. Semiramis, Aust. s. Capt. Martioh, Trieste and Brindisi, Austrian Lloyd. Salamis, Greek s. Capt. Pithis, Famagusta and Port Said, Pilavachi. Imperatral Trajan, Rom. s. Capt. Perioiano, Constantz and Smyrna, Müller. Holmfild, Brit. s. Capt. Guddace, Newcastle, Petsaly.

December 25. Zaus, Dutch s. Capt. Graaf, Rotterdam and Malta, Diab. Kypros, Greek s. Capt. Bortus, Cariff, Pila-vachi. Dardania, Aust. s. Capt. Saitoletch, Gravosa, Gjurassevich.

DEPARTURES

December 21. Congo, French s. Capt. Barega, Marseille. Vassilissa Olga, Greek s. Capt. Ghifli, Constantinople. Lorenzo, Brit. s. Capt. Runton, Hull. Mostar, Austr. s. Capt. Machella, Trieste. Embiricos, Greek s. Capt. Embiricos, London.

December 22. Prince Abbas, Brit. s. Capt. Findlay, Syria. Habsburg, Aust. s. Capt. Klausberger, Brindisi and Trieste. Magda, Greek s. Capt. Papalas, Constantinople. Oceanus, Germ. s. Capt. Mayer, Naples and Genoa, in ballast. Leonardo, Greek s. Capt. Rollias, Brails, in ballast.

December 23. Byzantion, Greek s. Capt. Mavromatis, Crete. Orione, Ital. s. Capt. Cucchi, Messina and Genoa. Equateur, French s. Capt. Girard, Syria. Milo, Brit. s. Capt. Freeman, Syria. Roman Prince, Brit. s. Capt. Evans, Syria, with part of previous cargo. Alep, Ott. s. Capt. Cassar, Syria, in ballast. Kingdom, Amer. yacht, Capt. Moses, unknown port.

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EXTERIEUR

Dépêches particulières du 22 décembre 1906. PRODUITS EGYPTIENS. Coton.—Etat du Marché.—En hausse. Disponible.—10 5/16. Futurs.—Janvier: 10 20/64 (18/64 de hausse).

To-day's Exchange Quotations

Table with columns: Description, Banks buying, Banks selling. Includes London cheque, Paris cheque, etc.

Telegramme Havas

Table with columns: Description, Price. Includes Rente Française, Dette Egyptienne Unifiée, etc.

REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.

Table with columns: Description, Price. Includes Liverpool, December 22, 12.35 p.m. Sales of the day, Cotton, etc.

RESUME DE LA SITUATION COTONNIERE

Table with columns: Description, 1906, 1905. Includes Recettes aux ports, Recettes du 1er Septembre, etc.

To-day's Exchange Quotations

Table with columns: Description, Balles, Balles. Includes Ventes Semaine, Forwarded, etc.

CEREAL MARKET.

Table with columns: Description, Price. Includes Wheat Tugari Baladi, Midding, etc.

BOURSE DU CAIRE

Table with columns: Description, Price. Includes Le Caire, le 22 Décembre 1906. Banques, Actions, Obligations, etc.

Navigation à Vapeur

Table with columns: Description, Price. Includes Anglo-American Nile, Khedivial Mail S.S., etc.

Hotels

Table with columns: Description, Price. Includes Nungovich Hotels, Egyptian Hotels, etc.

Tramways

Table with columns: Description, Price. Includes Tramways d'Alexandrie, Tramways du Caire, etc.

Valeurs diverses

Table with columns: Description, Price. Includes Bourse Khédiviale du Caire, Egyptian Investments, etc.

Egyptian Mining Market.

Table with columns: Description, Price. Includes Corporation of Western Egypt, Egyptian Estates, etc.

NOLIS

Table with columns: Description, Price. Includes Céréales, Tourteaux, Graines de coton, etc.

PORTS DIRECTS

Table with columns: Description, Price. Includes Graines de coton, Céréales, etc.

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This depends partly upon the month in which you leave Egypt, for Cairo in January may be a little warmer than the Riviera, and possibly not so warm as Sicily, but in March it will be warmer than Rome, and more un- usually warm than any other place in Europe.

Some will want to take into consideration the number of days to be spent at sea, and we therefore subjoin a list showing the time occupied on each of the various routes between Egypt and the Continent of Europe.

They are as follows:— The long sea routes—from Port Said or Alexandria to Plymouth, Southampton, London or Liverpool—occupy about 14 days. The short ones are as follows:—

Table listing routes and durations: Port Said or Alexandria to Brindisi 3 days, Alexandria to Messina 3 days, Port Said or Alexandria to Marseilles 5 days, Alexandria to Venice and Trieste 5 days, Alexandria to Naples 5 days, Port Said to Genoa 5 days, Port Said to Naples 5 days, Alexandria to Constantinople 4 days, Alexandria to Piræus 4 days, Port Said to Gibraltar 7 days.

The steamers of the P. & O., North German Lloyd, Orient, and Messageries Maritimes are the largest. The Anchor, British India, and Bibby Lines are also excellent, and their steamers are largely patronised by travellers to Egypt.

As regards the train journeys from Cairo, the shortest is that to Alexandria, without change (3 hours). That to Port Said can now be made without change in 4 1/2 hours. The least expensive way to England is by the Moss, Papyanni, Prince, and Westcott lines of steamers from Alexandria to Liverpool. The German Levant line has also good steamers from Alexandria to Hamburg.

The quickest through Continental routes are by P. & O. Brindisi express from Port Said, and the Austrian Lloyd Trieste Vienna express from Alexandria.

As regards heavy luggage, it must be borne in mind that very little luggage is allowed free on the railways of Europe, but there are several good and responsible forwarding agents in Egypt who undertake at a fixed charge to deliver packages to any address in Europe.

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